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DEFINITIONS

§ 948.1 Secretary.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority hereafter may be delegated, to act in his stead.

§ 948.2 Act.

Act means Public Act No. 10 73d Congress, as amended and as reenacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (sections 1–19, 48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601–674).

§ 948.3 Person.

Person means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, legal representative, or any organized group or business unit of individuals.

§ 948.4 Area.

Area means any of the subdivisions of the State of Colorado as set forth in this section or as reestablished pursuant to § 948.53.

(a) *Area No. 1*, commonly known as the Western Slope, includes and consists of the counties of Routt, Eagle, Pitkin, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, in the State of Colorado, and all counties in said State west of the aforesaid counties.

(b) *Area No. 2*, commonly known as the San Luis Valley, includes and consists of the counties of Saguache, Huerfano, Las Animas, Mineral,

Archuleta, in the State of Colorado, and all counties in said State, south of the counties enumerated in this definition of Area No. 2.

(c) *Area No. 3* includes and consists of all the remaining counties in the State of Colorado which are not included in Area No. 1 or Area No. 2.

§ 948.5 Potatoes.

Potatoes means and includes all varieties of Irish potatoes grown within any of the aforesaid areas.

§ 948.6 Seed potatoes.

Seed potatoes or *seed* means any potatoes which have been certified by the official seed certification agency of the State of Colorado and bear the official tags, seals, or other appropriate identification indicating such certification.

§ 948.7 Handler.

Handler is synonymous with *shipper* and means any person, except a common or contract carrier of potatoes owned by another person, who handles potatoes.

§ 948.8 Handle or ship.

Handle or *ship* means to transport, sell, or in any way to place potatoes in the current of the commerce between the State of Colorado and any point outside thereof.

§ 948.9 Producer.

Producer means any person engaged in the production of potatoes for market.

§ 948.10 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period means the period beginning and ending on the dates approved by the Secretary pursuant to recommendations by an area committee.

§ 948.11 Grade, size and maturity.

Grade, means any of the officially established grades of potatoes, *Size* means any of the officially established sizes of potatoes, and *Maturity* means any of the stages of development or condition of the outer skin (epidermis) of potatoes, as defined in the United States Standards for Potatoes issued by the United States Department of

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Agriculture (§§ 51.1540 to 51.1556, inclusive of this title) or Colorado grades established by the Commissioner, or amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, or variations based on any of the foregoing.

§ 948.12 Varieties.

Varieties means all classifications or subdivisions of Irish potatoes according to those definitive characteristics now or hereafter recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture.

§ 948.13 Pack.

Pack means a quantity of potatoes in any type of container, which falls within specific weight limits, numerical limits, grade limits, or any combination of these recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

§ 948.14 Container.

Container means a sack, bag, crate, box, basket, barrel, or bulk load or any other receptacle used in the packaging, transportation, or sale of potatoes.

§ 948.15 Culls.

Culls means potatoes which do not meet the requirements set forth in § 948.20.

§ 948.16 Committee.

Committee means any of the area committees established pursuant to § 948.50 or the Colorado Potato Committee established pursuant to § 948.51.

§ 948.17 Export.

Export means the shipment of potatoes to any destination which is not within the 48 contiguous States, or the District of Columbia, of the United States.

REGULATION

§ 948.20 Marketing policy.

(a) *General cull regulation.* (1) It shall be the marketing policy for the production area to maintain a general cull regulation in effect prohibiting the handling of potatoes for fresh market, except as otherwise provided in this subpart, which do not meet the requirements of the U.S. No. 2, or better, grade, 1½ inches minimum diameter and larger.

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(2) Upon recommendation of the Colorado Potato Committee, or on other available information, the general cull regulation may be suspended or modified by the Secretary during a specified period with respect to any or all varieties of potatoes.

(b) *Area marketing policies.* Each season prior to or at the same time as initial recommendations are made pursuant to § 948.21, each area committee shall submit to the Secretary a report setting forth the marketing policy it deems desirable for the industry to follow in handling the respective area's potatoes during the ensuing season. Additional reports shall be submitted from time to time if it is deemed advisable by an area committee to adopt a new marketing policy because of changes in the demand and supply situation with respect to potatoes. The committee shall publicly announce the submission of each such marketing policy report and copies thereof shall be available at the committee's office for inspection by any producer or any handler. In determining each such marketing policy the committee shall give due consideration to the following:

(1) Supply of potatoes by grade, size, quality, and maturity in the respective area, in the production area, and in other areas;

(2) Market prices for fresh potatoes, including grower, shipping point, and terminal market prices by grade, size, and quality in different packs or in different containers;

(3) Market prices for potatoes in other outlets, including growers' and other market price levels by grade, size, and quality;

(4) The trend and level of consumer income;

(5) Establishing and maintaining such orderly marketing conditions for potatoes as will be in the public interest; and

(6) Other relevant factors.

§ 948.21 Recommendations for regulations.

An area committee upon complying with the requirements of § 948.20 may recommend regulations, or modifications, suspension or termination thereof, to the Secretary whenever it finds that such regulations as provided for in